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SUBJ: U.S.-JAPAN TEXTILES BILATERAL QUESTIONED IN DIET

1. NIHON SENI SHIMBUN (TEXTILE JOURNAL) REPORTED SEPT 11 ON MITI MIN NAKASONE ANSWER TO QUESTION ON U.S.-JAPAN TEXTILE BILATERAL IN LOWER HOUSE SEPT 10. SOCIALIST MEMBER SEIJO KATO REPORTEDLY CHARGED THAT INCLUSION OF CHEMICAL AND SYNTHETIC RAW YARN AMONG RESTRICTED ITEMS VIOLATES GATT SINCE NO U.S. MARKET DISRUPTION WAS SHOWN AND URGED THEIR EXCLUSION.

2. IN REPLY NAKASONE REPORTEDLY STATED JAPANESE SIDE HAD SOUGHT TO EXCLUDE CHEMICAL AND SYNTHETIC RAW YARN FROM LIMITATIONS, CITING DECLINE IN JAPAN'S EXPORTS TO U.S. AND CHANGES IN COMPARATIVE COSTS. "REGRETTABLY," U.S. SIDE DID NOT FULLY ACCEPT THESE ARGUMENTS AND INSISTED ON INCLUDING THESE YARNS AMONG RESTRICTED ITEMS, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING, NAKASONE SAID; HOWEVER, JAPAN WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK THEIR LIBERALIZATION, PARTICULARLY WHEN AGREEMENT COMES UP FOR ONE-YEAR REVIEW.

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3. MITI OFFICIAL (MAKURO KURODA, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL

TRADE DIVISION, BUREAU OF CONSUMER GOODS INDUSTRIES)
CONFIRMED ESSENTIAL ACCURACY FO FOREGOING, ADDING THAT
GOJ, ALTHOUGH NOT HAPPY WITH INCLUSION OF MAN-MADE
YARNS, ACQUIESCED RATHER THAN RECESS NEGOTIATIONS,
CONSIDERING AGREEMENT AS A WHOLE. KURODA SPECIFICALLY
DENIED ACCOUNT OF PARLIAMENTARY ENCOUNTER CARRIED IN
SEPT 11 JAPAN TIMES WHICH REPORTED THAT NAKASONE SAID
GOJ WANTS TO "SCRAP" TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITH U.S.
KURODA SPECULATED THAT THIS STATEMENT MAY HAVE ORIGI-
NATED IN PRESS BRIEFING BY KATO BUT STATED EMPHATICALLY
IT DID NOT RPT NOT REFLECT GOJ POSITION.
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